

# Hopkinsville Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program

## NLN Pre-Admission Exam and Pre-Admission Conference

### CONTENT OF PAX:

The PAX consists of three tests – Verbal Ability, Mathematics, and Science at a high school level. One hour is allowed for each test.

### VERBAL ABILITY – 60 items

The verbal section assesses critical thinking, word knowledge, & reading comprehension.

### MATHEMATICS – 40 items

The math section assesses ability to solve mathematical problems involving basic calculations, word problems, graphs, integers, conversions, fractions, decimals, algebra, and geometry.

### SCIENCE – 60 items

The science section assesses knowledge in areas of general biology, human anatomy and physiology, chemistry and physics, and earth science.

### PAX SCORING AND REPORTING:

Performance on each of the three tests (Verbal Ability, Mathematics, and Science) an overall score is provided. Test report includes scores and percentile rank for the composite score and the sub-scores in verbal, math, and science.

Your PAX scores will be generated immediately following the computer-based exam. If PAX is taken at a testing site other than HCC, students are responsible to send the score report printout to HCC's Nursing Department. Students may obtain additional score reports from [www.nlnonlinetesting.org](http://www.nlnonlinetesting.org) or by contacting the National League for Nursing via phone at 1-800-669-1656.

### Where can I get study guides?

Study guides are available for the PAX exam only from Jones and Bartlett and HCC Bookstore.

Go to the Registration Store "Programs" list, click the "Pre-Admission Exam (PAX) - (Read More | Register)" link. This page will display a section called "Jones and Bartlett Review Guides" which contains the study guide links.

### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

For additional information, sample test questions, and a list of frequently asked questions, log on to [www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org), and select "Testing Services."

Calculators cannot be used during testing. Please bring a pencil for testing.

### PAX TESTING:

This exam is a computer-based exam and is self-paced. Students are allotted three hours for the exam.

The exam will begin promptly at the scheduled time. No one will be admitted to the exam late. Once testing has begun, no additional students will be admitted into the testing area.

### PAX TEST SITE & CHECK-IN:

All examinations will be held on main campus. On the day of the exam, students will report to the location listed on the NLN website.

Check-in will begin 1/2 hour prior to start time and students must have

- Photo ID
- Activated KCTCS login and password. For assistance with login, contact HCC's IT Dept. at (270)707-3770.

⇒ **Once testing has begun, late students will not be admitted into the testing area.**

### PAX REGISTRATION FEE:

The cost of the PAX is \$35.00. Payment is due at the time of registration. NLN has a strict "No Refund" policy. All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. If you cancel or do not attend, there is no refund. There is a \$15 fee to reschedule exam date.

### HOW TO REGISTER for the PAX:

Students register for the PAX by going online to [www.nlnonlinetesting.org](http://www.nlnonlinetesting.org) and select:

- ⇒ Registration Store
- ⇒ Pre-Admission Exam (PAX)
- ⇒ Register button

Please follow the instructions on the website to register.

### PAX TESTING DATES:

To view testing dates, deadlines and to register follow HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE PAX.

PAX dates are sent to NLN in *June* for the spring admission cycle and *December* for the fall admission cycle.

Seats are limited. Seats fill quickly.

Students must have an activated KCTCS login and password. No exceptions!

If there are no seats available, you can take the exam at another college that allows outside students to test. Search on NLN's testing website by state and then select a college.

### PRE-ADMISSION CONFERENCE DATES:

Students must apply to the PN and/or RN program by attending a Pre-Admission Conference (PAC) held for the admission cycle.

The dates and times for the PAC will be posted on the HCC Nursing webpage:  
[http://www.hopkinsville.kctcs.edu/en/Academics/Programs\\_of\\_Study/Nursing.aspx](http://www.hopkinsville.kctcs.edu/en/Academics/Programs_of_Study/Nursing.aspx)

- Registration for the conference is not required.
- Students are encouraged to be prompt and are required to be present for the entire conference.